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CHAPTER 3

Common "Domestic Violence Crimes"

3.14 Other Crimes Commonly Associated with Domestic Violence

A. Offenses Against Persons

10. Malicious Use of Mail or Telecommunications Services

Effective June 1, 2006, 2006 PA 60 and 61 amended MCL 750.540 to include the malicious use of computers or the Internet among the acts punishable by the statute. In the middle of page 107, replace the text of the first bullet under this sub-subsection with the following text:

• MCL 750.540 makes it a two-year felony to willfully and maliciously cut, break, disconnect, interrupt, tap, or make any unauthorized connection with any electronic medium of communication, to willfully and maliciously read or copy any message from any electronic medium of communication accessed without authorization, to willfully and maliciously make unauthorized use of any electronic medium of communication, or to willfully and maliciously prevent, obstruct, or delay by any means the delivery of any authorized communication by or through any electronic medium of communication. Violation of the statute is a four-year felony "[i]f the incident to be reported results in injury to or the death of any person...."